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A SELDOM-NOTICED HABIT OF NEOCNEMODON VITRIPENNIS MG. (DIPT.: SYRPHIDAE). — I have repeatedly found single females of this hover-fly, the only British *Neocnemodon* that is fairly common, on and about the trunks of poplars — both Lombardy and Black Italian — in the S. London suburbs, frequently enough to rule out mere chance. The association has, I think, received but little notice in the literature. In fact, the sole reference I have seen to anything of the sort is a Continental observation cited by Coe (1953, *Handb. Ident. Brit. Ins.*, 10(1): 59): "The larvae of *C. vitripennis* were found sucking Coccids on *Populus italicica* by Heeger. . ." This seems to afford a satisfactory explanation of the above-mentioned habit of adult females in Britain; they would appear to frequent the trees for oviposition, attracted by the presence of certain scale-insects presumably attached to poplars and living on the trunks. So far, however, I have not been able to confirm this hypothesis, or even to find males accompanying such females, but it remains extremely probable. Of course, odd females of *vitripennis* occur away from poplars, like the males, on flowers or among foliage in gardens etc.; but, in my experience, they are fewer and more sporadic. — A. A. ALLEN.